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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 26 EMBOFF SAW DR. HAUBER AND HERR GRUENDEL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO BASS ON THE US VIEWS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. BOTH OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE FRG WISHED TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE US ON A DRAFT TEXT WHICH COULD BE TABLED IN NATO AND LATER IN VIENNA. HOWEVER, THEY REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG FELT ITSELF UNDER NO TIME PRESSURE TO REACH SPEEDY AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN DISCUSSING THE POINTS RAISED BY REFTEL, HAUBER INDICATED THAT THE FRG HAD NOT REPEAT NOT AGREED TO ADDRESS AN ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT TEXT OF A VERIFICATION PROPOSAL THAT COULD BE TABLED IN VIENNA DURING ROUND

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VIII. ADMITTING THAT HE WAS UNCLEAR WHEN ROUND VIII WAS

DUE TO BEGIN, HAUBER STATED THAT THE FRG HAD AGREED ONLY TO TABLE A DRAFT TEXT TO NATO AFTER THE US AND THE FRG HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON SUCH A TEXT. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT ALLIANCE AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MOREOVER, EVEN AFTER A TEXT HAD BEEN TABLED IN NATO AND ALLIANCE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN OBTAINED, THE QUESTION OF TACTICS TO USE VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS REMAINED. THE WEST WOULD WISH TO TABLE SUCH A TEXT IN VIENNA IN A FASHION TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM RESULTS. SINCE THE SOVIETS HAD NOT AS YET EVEN REPLIED TO OUR OPTION III PROPOSAL, IT WAS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER WHEN A VERIFICATION PROPOSAL SHOULD BE TABLED IN VIENNA.

2. CONCERNING THE US SUGGESTION THAT US AND FRG OFFICIALS WORK TOWARDS AN AD REF. AGREEMENT DURING THEIR FEBRUARY 10-12 VERIFICATION MEETING, HAUBER SAID HE AGREED. AS FAR AS REFLECTING DISAGREEMENTS IN BRACKETED LANGUAGE, HE POSED NO OBJECTION ALTHOUGH HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT. IN ANY CASE, THE MODALITIES OF HOW TO PROCEED COULD BE WORKED OUT AFTER THE FRG DELEGATION ARRIVED.

3. HAUBER SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO TABLING AN ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT TEXT CONTAINING BRACKETED LANGUAGE TO NATO. THE US AND THE FRG SHOULD ACHIEVE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BEFORE BRINGING THE MATTER UP IN NATO. EMBOFF SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS ALSO THE US PREFERENCE.

4. HAUBER SUGGESTED THAT ONCE US-FRG AGREEMENT WAS ACHIEVED, THE US SHOULD SUBMIT THE DRAFT IN NATO. FOR BOTH THE US AND THE FRG TO DO SO WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE WORKING BEHIND THE BACKS OF OUR NATO ALLIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HAUBER POSED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE UK SHOULD BE BROUGHT

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INTO THE DISCUSSIONS BEFORE THE OTHER NATO ALLIES. THE
BRITISH HAD ALREADY REQUESTED THAT THIS BE DONE AND
HAUBER PERSONALLY FAVORS IT.

5. HAUBER REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG WAS IN NO
HURRY TO INTRODUCE A DRAFT VERIFICATION AGREEMENT INTO
NATO. EVENTS IN VIENNA ARE NOT SUCH AS TO PUT THE
WEST UNDER ANY TIME PRESSURE. THEREFORE, THE FRG
PREFERS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE
FIRST BILATERALLY AND THEN WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BEFORE
THERE IS ANY DISCUSSION OF WHEN AND HOW TO SUBMIT THE
PROPOSAL IN VIENNA.

6. HAUBER STATED THAT THE FRG IS WORKING ON A NEW
TEXT TO BRING TO WASHINGTON FOR THE FEBRUARY 10-12
VERIFICATION MEETING. IT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE US
FOR CONSIDERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER,
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HAUBER DOUBTED WHETHER IT WOULD BE READY MUCH BEFORE
FEBRUARY 10.

7. HAUBER THEN STATED THAT THE FRG DRAFT TEXT WOULD
SPRING NO SURPRISES. INDEED, THE FRG POSITION ON
VERIFICATION IS VIRTUALLY UNALTERED FROM THAT OF LAST
MAY: THAT IS, THE FRG POSITION REMAINS THAT
EXPRESSED IN ANSWER TO THE US PAPER OF LAST MAY. THE
FRG STRONGLY PREFERS THAT MAY PAPER TO THE ONE
SUBMITTED IN NOVEMBER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FRG REMAINS
STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE USE OF "MOBILE TEAMS".

8. HAUBER CLOSED THE DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO BRIEF THE FRG DELEGATION ON HOW REDUCTIONS UNDER OPTION III COULD BE VERIFIED.

9. COMMENT: WE RECEIVED A COPY OF LONDON'S 1266 AFTER THIS TELEGRAM HAD BEEN PREPARED. IT SUPPORTS HAUBER'S PREFERENCE FOR BRINGING THE UK INTO VERIFICATION DISCUSSIONS BEFORE THE OTHER NATO ALLIES.
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